Illinois Commerce Commission

SBC/Ameritech Illinois Merger, Docket 98-0555
Performance Benchmarks Collaborative, Condition 30
Draft Meeting Minutes From 10/17-18/2000
To Be Reviewed and Approved 3/6/2001

The tenth Illinois Performance Measure Collaborative was held on October 17, 2000, at the James R. Thompson Center (100 W. Randolph St., Chicago, IL), in conference room 8-033, and on October 18, 2000, at the State of Illinois Building, (169 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL) Room N-808. Participants also attended the meetings via a conference bridge. Following are the minutes and action items from the meeting.

Mr. McClerren, ICC Staff, presided over the meeting.

October 17, 2000

I. Introductions

- A. Staff, Ameritech Illinois, CLECs, Other Parties
- B. Sign up sheet, with contact name, address, phone & e-mail address

II. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes From 9/19-20

The review and approval of the meeting minutes occurred on October 17, with minimal proposed change.

III. Remedy Plans

It had been planned that remedy plans proposals would be discussed, featuring items such as "three recommended changes," remedy simulations," "updates or revisions," and "parity with a floor proposal." After a brief discussion, it was clear to all parties that resolution on all or part of the remedy plan was not going to occur, and it was determined that the issue would simply have to be litigated in a formal proceeding.

IV. Business Rule Accuracy

All parties confirmed that the business rules Sal Fioretti had distributed were accurate at that point in time. While it was noted that changes were being made and incorporated at this and other proceedings, it was confirmed that Sal's distribution accurately reflected agreements reached in this collaborative.

V. FOC Issue

It continues to be the understanding in this collaborative that a deal has been struck regarding the firm order confirmation process, and that Docket 00-0238 will be closed once all administrative requirements are met. Sal was going to file testimony amending his previously filed testimony, then there would be a status hearing and a vote for approval.

VI. Remedy Plan Formal Proceeding

It was agreed that the start of the remedy plan formal proceeding would be a joint filed petition, which would occur in early November 2000. After the status hearing, all parties envisioned a complete formal process, allowing for due process over a 5-6 month period. It was envisioned that the following type of schedule would be proposed to the Hearing Examiner:

Join Petition

Status Hearing

Simultaneous Testimony from CLECs, SBC/Ameritech

Staff Direct

Rebuttal by all Parties

Hearings

Briefs

Reply Briefs

HEPO

Exceptions

Reply to Exceptions

Decision

VII. Hot Cut Issue

Rod Cox of McLeodUSA indicated the Pending Facilities Assignment or "PFA" issue is a critical issue to McLeodUSA and wanted to make sure it was satisfactorily addressed, since it could lead to litigation. Sal indicated he was working on the issue and would know more on Monday.

Scott Idoux of Sprint noted that 9% of orders were returned PFA, while less than half were actually facility related issues - more accurately described as assignment issues.

On PM 91, there is also an issue related to the definition of a project. Greater than 30 is too low to CLECs, noting that PacTel has a greater than 99 threshhold. Sal noted Texas has a 30 requirement, and will check on the issue. He has to talk to the LOC and Texas.

On PM 55.2, LNP w/Loop, the level of disaggregation, as well as exclusions and business days, are issues. One proposal is for coordinated hot cuts within 5 days and noncoordinated hot cuts within 3 days.

VIII. Trunk Group Measure Issue

Proposed versions of Trunk Group Measure 70 were distributed to all for review. There were still concerns over "in any one month" since it could create a situation in which any miss becomes a fatal miss - CLEC has only one trunk. Measure 70.1 would remain a diagnostic measure, addressing exclusions from 70. Karen Moore of AT&T indicated she would provide a redline version at a SME conference call by Monday. The call would be at either the front or back of a Michigan call at 9:00 a.m.

IX. Access to Performance Measures

AT&T and Focal have finalized negotiations, while Sprint, McLeod, CoreComm are all close to amending their interconnection agreements to incorporate these performance measures.

On a related note, many of the CLECs indicated they were having trouble accessing information on the CLEC Online web site. Sal said SBC/Ameritech was aware of the problem, and noted that Ameritech was having more trouble than other territories due to the manner in which the information is stored - database function rather than spreadsheet format. His people are working on the problem.

X. Quarterly Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6 & 7 in Chicago. Concerns and new measures will be discussed, as well as preparations for the six month review. There was discussion of trying to incorporate a multi-state effort, which is more feasible now that the overall framework is in place.

The six month meeting will occur in June, 2001.